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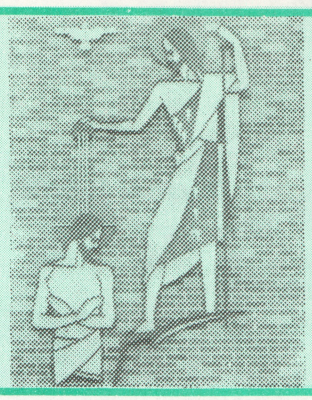


Confirmation '79

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered this spring at St. John's Parish. In preparation for this final rite of initiation into our parish family, a special period of preparation has been set aside for those who plan to receive this sacrament this year. Any student in ninth grade or older who has not as yet been confirmed should seriously consider this opportunity to do so. All ninth graders and their families will be receiving letters this week detailing the preparation period and requirements for the reception of this Sacrament. This period of preparation will begin the week of February 25 and for six consecutive weeks. A day of renewal and other activities are also required for all Confirmation candidates (of high school age). A parent's meeting of all candidates is also scheduled the week of February 25. If you have a ninth grader (or older student) who plans on being confirmed and do not receive a letter detailing the program, please call Mike Whalen at 483-6378 for a copy or for more information. No student will be allowed into the program after we have begun.

Today is Scout Sunday

Members of Troop 240 sponsored by St. John's will attend 12:30 Mass. Afterwards there will be a dinner for Scouts and their families and an Eagle Court of Honor for Richard Steeby. Richard is the son of Mrs. Richard Steeby and the late Mr. Steeby.

Scout Sunday is a part of Scout Week celebrated each year to commemorate the founding of the Boy Scouts in America on February 8, 1910.

High School Workshop

The next in a series of high school religious education workshops will be held Sunday, February 11 from 6:30 until 9:15 p.m. at St. Francis parish hall. This workshop is entitled, "We are the musical, mystical Church" and will deal with several different concepts of the Catholic Church. Five different models of what the Church is will be discussed in five different ways. Register by phone in advance (483-6396) or at the door. The January workshop which was cancelled due to weather conditions is being rescheduled for early spring.

Now and Then ...

by Fr. Doepker

Weather or not ...

Have you noticed that we are in the midst of what might be called the "Mid-Winter Blahs?" People seem so low-keyed and unexcited, matching our gray, dull weather. I've found myself half wishing for a gigantic blizzard like last year's, just for a little change of pace. At least it would make the weather an interesting, instead of depressing, topic for a while. But just as with all the "blahs" that occasionally creep in on us, hope springs eternal as we remember that winter can't last forever. Before we know it, it will be hot and humid, giving us something different to complain about.

Catholic Education Week

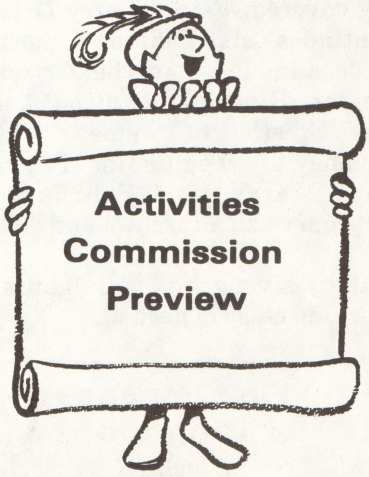
February 4-10, 1979 has been designed throughout the country as a week to recognize and discover the value of Catholic education in our society. Catholic schools and religious education programs continue to provide a Christian perspective on our world - an outlook perhaps as needed today as at any time in our history.

Next Sunday, February 11, there will be displays in the church hall after the Masses to acquaint people with the Catholic schools in our area. Alba House Media will also have books and records available for examination or purchase. Please stop downstairs and see what's happening in Catholic education.

Many Thanks

Two weeks ago I celebrated 29 years of existence and one year of priesthood. This week, on February 7, I celebrate another red-letter day: one year at St. John's in Ypsilanti.

I have often thanked the Lord to the joy and the privelege of being here among you. I wish to give thanks to you, also, for your acceptance and for helping me to prayerfully celebrate these anniversaries.



PLEASE NOTE!

Millionaire Party, Saturday, February 24th, 7:00 p.m. to Midnight, St. John's Hall.

Next Blood Bank

St. John Parish Hall
Monday, February 12th
1:30-7:30 p.m.

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Baby-sitting for mothers from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for those wishing to donate.

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Please help us fulfill our quota of 200 pints annually.

Special Notice

There will be an important meeting for all zone leaders on Thursday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. We ask you to attend one of these sessions.

Scripture Classes

Last summer when our parish conducted a survey, one request that came up a number of times was a desire for adult Scripture classes. Presently, there are two classes. Father Doepker is offering a six week session on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the library. The Gospel of St. Mark is the topic being covered. Father Larry Delaney continues his Thursday morning 10:00 a.m. class in the Activities Center. His topic of discussion is the Epistle of James. Father Delaney's schedule for February and March is: February 8, February 22, March 8 and March 22.

Baby-sitting for the Thursday morning class is needed.

First Penance Program

Session I

Monday, February 5 - 7:30-9:00 p.m. Parents and children meet in the church hall.

Parish Nuptial

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond G. Dufek

On Saturday evening, January 27, 1979 Raymond G. Dufek and Beth A. Tyler both of Belleville were joined in Holy Marriage in our church before Fr. Doepker.

Raymond is the son of John and Stella (Plomonda) Dufek. Beth is the daughter of Robert and Mary (Hyatt) Tyler.

Principal witnesses for the ceremony were Dennis Dufek and Marcia Tyler. An organ accompaniment was provided by Mr. Melvin Light.

Dominican Laity

It has long been the custom of the Dominicans to induct laity into the Third Order in order to give affiliate memberships to those who wish to study and pray as the Dominican Order covenants.

For many years the Dominican Laity have been rooted in the Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti Area. Mrs. Nancy Wagner has been the Prioress of the St. John Mancias Chapter for the past few years, just recently passing on her leadership to Mrs. Phyllis Gracis. Nancy has been a member for the past 15 years.

At a Mass and induction ceremony held this past month, Father Harvey, Spiritual Moderator of the Chapter, received Mrs. Barbara Parsons for First Profession, Mrs. Kathleen Carrier and Mrs. Nan Keegan for three-year profession, Mrs. Ruth Kummer and Mrs. Phyllis Gracie as life members. Mrs. Zena Brovins is a candidate.

Members meet monthly for prayer and discussion and are seeking active ways to help in the work of our community. If you are interested in the experience of such a group, call Mrs. Phyllis Gracie for further information.

Veteran's Hospital Annual Visit

As in the past, through the works of the National Council of Catholic Women, St. John Parish has been asked to respond to the visiting of the Veteran's Hospital for the chance to give joy and care to those men who are in the hospital, some permanently.

St. John's Parish is assigned the fourth Saturday of February annually with the women trying to do something more than only visit. In the past few years it has been discovered that the men like to play Bingo, so Bingo it is! St. John's supplies coupons for the prize winners.

On Saturday, February 24th, the women who would like to be part of this day are asked to meet on our parking lot at 1:00 to leave together for the delightful afternoon of being with the veterans from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. The men also enjoy homebaked cookies, so we are asking women who enjoy baking to bring cookies on Saturday morning so they can be taken by those attending. If you are baking cookies, please call the office here at 483-3360 and let us know how many you are bringing.

Invitations

• **Hearts Into Spring II** - The second Annual Benefit Fashion Show and Luncheon for Gabriel Richard High School will be held on February 14, Wednesday at the Ann Arbor, Holiday Inn West. Social hour beginning at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon at 12 noon, fashions by Hutzel's of Ann Arbor at 1:00 p.m. Prizes will be raffled.

Donation: $10.00

Tickets available at Hutzel's on Main Street, Ann Arbor, Gabriel Richard H.S. office, Viji Liepa - 662-7724.

• **Clinic to be held** - On Thursday, February 15, 1979, Turner Geriatric Clinic will offer a workshop on "Health Problems for Men and Women" from 1:00-3:30 p.m. The purpose is to present health care information about specific problems which affect men and women as they grow older. The subjects will be discussed from the viewpoint of older people, emphasizing normal changes and ways to maintain good health. There will be ample time to ask questions.

ANN ARBOR ANTIQUE FAIR & SALE

• **Sponsored by Good Samaritan Auxiliary of Catholic Social Services**

12th Show

February 9 & 10 - 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

February 11 - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn West - Jackson Rd. - Ann Arbor. St. John Parish is to help supply bread for baked goods booth on Saturday. Take loaves right to the Inn.

Intercessory Prayer

Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, the dispersed of Israel he gathers. He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power, to his wisdom there is no limit. The Lord sustains the lowly, the wicked he casts to the ground.

Jesus, we know that whoever came to you, you never turned back. You healed them. Jesus, we bring to you the sick of our parish, those who are in pain and suffering, the rejected, those who have fallen away. Jesus, you said, "If you ask my Father for anything in my name, he will give it to you. Ask and you shall receive that your joy may be full." Jesus, we ask you to heal our sickness, our relationships with one another and we will proclaim the goodness of the Lord.

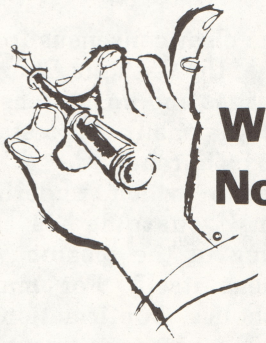
Jesus, we pray for Jillian who through the baptismal waters became one with Christ.

We pray for the children participating in this year's First Penance program, another step towards being sons and daughters of our heavenly Father.

We pray for our newcomers. May we join together into a body of believers to be servants of our Lord.

Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God. And may his grace and peace be upon all of us now and forever.

Praise the Name of Jesus
David Rocha



Worth Noting

The Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, February 4
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Baby-sitting
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. High School Religious Education
11:00 a.m. Preschool Classes
Inscription Ceremony for First Penance Program

MONDAY, February 5
9:00 a.m. Team Meeting, Rectory
4:30 p.m. Team Liturgy Planning
7:30 p.m. Parish Council Agenda Planning, Rectory
7:30 - 9:00 Parent-Child Meeting First Penance Program

TUESDAY, February 6
7:30 Catechist Parent Meeting
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Convert Class, Activity Center
SPRED Program, Center
High School Home Groups

WEDNESDAY, February 7
Bulletin goes to press a.m.
4:30 Catechist - Parent Meeting
6:30 p.m. Bingo, Parish Hall

THURSDAY, February 8
10:00 a.m. Scripture Class, Activities Center Fr. Delaney
7:30 p.m. Scripture Class, Library, Fr. Doepker

FRIDAY, February 9
7:30 p.m. Baptism Class, Center Library

SATURDAY, February 10
11:00 a.m. Cantor Practice
10:00 a.m. Handbell Practice
3:30 - 4:30 Confessions heard

SUNDAY, February 11
Catholic Education Week - Displays and Information in church hall

When is the Best Time for Confirmation?

Is it at Baptism as is the custom of the Eastern Churches and many of the churches which spring from Spain? Is it perhaps a little later but before Communion is received as is the custom of the Episcopal Church and was the custom of most European and North American Catholic Churches until well into this century? Is it in the junior high school or early high school years as is the custom growing in the United States today? Or is it best to confirm sometime in young adult life only upon the request of the individual?

There is no clear consensus from the practice of the Catholic Church through the ages and no consensus either from the many Protestant and Orthodox Churches.

The problem which underlies these many customs is an understanding of the meaning of the sacrament itself. For many modern Catholics, Confirmation is seen as a time of commitment, a time when one personalizes the promises made for him or her at Baptism. This has been the rationale for moving Confirmation to an older age. Those who work with junior high or middle high school youth who are being confirmed today know that they are not ready for a firm life commitment to anything because they are still immature. This discovery brings added pressure on pastors to delay Confirmation to still a later age.

Others in the Church, notably some of our most progressive theologians (and our late Bishop Zaleski), suggest that we are moving in the wrong direction and that the best time for Confirmation is in infancy. They understand Confirmation to be the fulfillment of Baptism and suggest that it should be administered by the priest who baptizes the child (as the priest does when bringing adults into the Church.) They see Confirmation like Baptism as a sacrament of initiation into the mystery of the Church.

Many Protestant theologians and pastoral ministers declare that Confirmation is best administered just before Communion which they often reserve until about the onset of adolescence. They reason that it is not until this age that a child is ready to appreciate te Eucharist as fellowship and only then that he or she can share in the life of the community as an individual. They cite ancient Jewish Bar Mitzvah as a parallel to their experience.

Those who opt for early Confirmation suggest that Confirmation, like Baptism, brings about a permament change in the personality of the person who receives it. This change lies dormant until the person is ready to personalize it. They fear that attempts to tie Confirmation into moments of personal faith discovery will place too much emphasis on what we bring to the sacrament and not enough on the profound working of God in the person who receives it.

While we are far from a solution of this problem, it does make interesting discussion in the class and among adults. It also helps Catholics understand that in this case as in so many others there are opinions within the traditional faith, opinions which can be explored and championed with no fear of disloyalty to the faith of our fathers. (From **The Sacraments of Service** by W. Coleman.)

Readings for February 4-11

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1:29-39
Monday: Gn. 1:1-19; Mk. 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn. 1:20-24; Mk. 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:5-9, 15-17; Mk. 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn. 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn. 3:1-8; Mk. 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn. 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mk. 1:40-45

5th SUNDAY: February 4, 1979

Paul would agree with Jeremiah.
He said if he kept silent
the Word became a fire
burning in his heart.
(Some listeners make good fire extinguishers!)

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin-Martyr
7:00 a.m. Thomas Monaghan, req. by Patrick Monaghan
TUESDAY, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
7:00 a.m. Henry Gladding IV, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stragier
5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Cureton, req. by Mrs. Harry Rominski & family
WEDNESDAY, February 7 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Cleophus Arend, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Strine
9:00 a.m. Mary Test, req. by The Jack Lawrence family
THURSDAY, Fhbruary 8 - Weekday/St. Jerome Emiliami
7:00 a.m. Mary Zwinakas, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Furmann
5:30 p.m. Dr. Albert F. Milford, req. by Kathy, Fritz, Fritz III & Stephen Ligday
FRIDAY, February 9 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Allen Thibbodeau (Anniv.) req. by Virginia Reber
SATURDAY, February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin
9:00 a.m. Mrs. Frances Hutting, req. by Mrs. George Max
5:00 p.m. Mary Test, req. by Julius & Pearl Wagner
SUNDAY, February 11 - Sixth Sunday of Year
7:00 a.m. John Monqiat, req. by Carmelita Monqiat
9:00 a.m. Arthur Chevalier (Mo. Anniv.) req. by Helen & Virginia Chevalier
11:00 a.m. Julia McDermott, req. by Bill & Ann McCarthy
12:30 p.m. Intention of Parishioners

Baby Sitter Needed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Weekly - 3 mo. old baby. Call 482-4345.

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Registration or Address Change

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

☐ Wish to register
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving from Parish

Wedding Banns

II - John J. Lynch and Lisa A. Neff
I - Larry Last and Linda Hyslop
I - Allan J. Spearle and Tammy L. Sampson

Financial Barometer

January 28, 1979

Sunday Offering	$4,008.44
Latin American Collection	709.44
Religious Education (Opt. Env.)	210.00

Marriage Encounter

Join the growing number of couples from our parish who have gone on a Marriage Encounter weekend. Your next opportunity is February 16-18 right here at the St. John Activity Center.

If you would like more information, please call Rob and Margie Lemkuhl at 434-5446.

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LITURGY

Saturday Evening: ..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Holyday: ..... 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Daily: ..... 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday ... 2:30 Parkview Home Monday ... 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday ... 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday ..... 3:30-4:40 ..... Anytime by appointment.
COMMUNAL PENANCE: ..... As Announced
MARIAN DEVOTIONS: ..... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preschool: ..... 11:00 a.m. Sunday
Elementary: ..... Tuesday 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Junior High: ..... Tuesday 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.
Senior High: ..... Home Programs or Sunday Sessions
Special Education: ..... Arrangements made.
Adult: ..... As Announced.

PARISH SERVICES

Baby-sitting: ..... 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday
Coffee & Doughnuts: ..... After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses
Bingo: ..... Wednesday 6:45 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:15

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

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